

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, 18 present and not voting, 1 absent and not voting.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. LB 396.

CLERK: Read LB 396. There are no committee amendments or other amendments pending.

PRESIDENT: Senator Rasmussen.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Mr. President, members of the body. This bill does only one thing and it tells when the owners of the mobile park must get their license. The way it is now, it is annually; they can get it at any time. This will make them get it in January only and I would ask for the bill to be advanced. There was no opposition to the bill.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? Question is the advancement of LB 396. Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, 16 present and not voting, 1 absent and not voting.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. LB 138.

CLERK: Read LB 138. There are committee amendments by Senator Lewis' Public Health Committee.

PRESIDENT: Senator Richard Lewis.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. This bill...I would like to give you a little background on this because rural Nebraska especially and even the urban areas are very very dependent upon the EMT trained personnel for their rescue unit and on-the-spot emergency care for people injured, accidents, trauma, and various other causes. The Public Health Committee, by resolution, held hearings throughout the state last summer and the need was indicated throughout without any opposition whatsoever that there was a need for an advanced training for this type of personnel. Omaha, for instance, has 141 people presently trained that work with their Fire Squads, but they cannot legally perform the duties as prescribed. So, this bill was introduced and met no opposition whatsoever. It was well accepted in hearing, but there were some amendments suggested which I would, which the committee did adopt and which I would like to take up at this time. Now the committees...the amendments make no substantive change in the bill. The first one, where the word "pre-hospital" is used throughout the bill, the amendments change this to "advanced medical care". On page 4, line 15, after the word "other", the committee inserted "advanced emergency medical care". So, that any new procedure authorized by the board in the future that paramedics may perform will be confined to those directly related to the provisions of emergency medical care. Finally on page 3 lines 23-26, references to "he" have been changed to "such paramedic or the paramedics" since some of them will be women. Also, in line 23, the word "licensed" is changed to "certified" for uniformity. I would move adoption to the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cullan.